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SUBJECT.

Food Supply arrangements.

(C/175) Govt. Mr Dyer's Shimoga
no Oc (Food) dt 18.12.19
Pls for sympathetic consideration
a copy of his letter & the Food Controller in
Mysore proposing that the Grain Depôt at
Shimoga & area in the Maidan Taluk
of his Dist may be moved & be retained for
2 more months from 1st Jany 1920.

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Food Supply arrangements

From

The ~~Food Controller in Mesopotamia~~ Deputy Comm^r Shumaya

No. O.C. 1420 Dated 18. 12. 19 Received 19. 12. 19.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for sympathetic consideration a copy of his letter to the Food Controller proposing that the grain depot at Shumaya & those in the Nasiriyeh of his Dt may be ordered to be retained for 2 months more from ~~1st~~ 1st January 20.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted for personal Reference from the Food Controller the matter may be awaited.

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No.O.C.1420(Rev)19-20. Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District,
Dated Shimoga, 18th December 1919.

From

S. Hiriannaiya, Esquire., M.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed by me to the Food Controller to-day regarding the disposal of stocks in the Grain Depot at Shimoga. It seems to me that Government will not gain if all the stocks are offered for sale to the merchants at the end of the month. On the other ~~hand~~ hand by working the depot for a couple of months more, we shall not merely be helping the poorer -- classes but also avoid risk of loss. Even yet, local rice is not ---- coming in large quantities into the markets and as Government are aware Burma rice is the only other available rice in this District. The Shimoga Municipality are willing to work the depot from the 1st January till the existing stocks are exhausted. This arrangement will only involve the continuance of a part of the existing clerical and menial establishment for about two months. I request that Government may be pleased to kindly give their sympathetic consideration to this proposal. I solicit the favour of very early orders.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

From
S.Hiriannaiya, Esquire.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To
C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Bangalore.

Dated
Despatched 18th December 191[illegible].
Received

General No. ~~C.C.142[illegible]~~ (Rev)1[illegible]-20.
No.

Enclosure No. One.

Soliciting sanction for th
continuance of the Mnn Grain Dep
Shimoga, for a further period of
months from 1st January 192[illegible].

No.O.C.1420(Rev)19-20. Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District,
Dated Shimoga 17th December 1919.

From

S. Hiriannaiya, Esquire., M.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

K. Mathhan, Esquire., B.A.,
Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.A.3006-15/ F.87-26-36 dated the 21st November 1919 and D.O. letter No.A.3435-43 dated the 6th Decembbr, I have the honor to state that the stock on 13th December in the District Depot was 4870 bags of whole rice and 420 bags of broken rice. Allowing about 1370 bags of whole rice and 20 bags of broken rice likely to be required to meet the demand till the close of the month, there will remain a balance of 3500 bags of whole rice and 400 bags of broken rice at the close of the month. There is also a small balance of 49.60 seers of ragi but it is ---- expected to be sold by the end of the month.

2. Whole rice is now sold at 5½ seers per rupee calculation being made according to the value of the consignment, and so far there has been no fall in the demand for rice from the depot. Local rice is just beginning to come in small quantities in some places and its price is still high. No outside rice has come yet into the market and the chief and practically the sole source of supply is yet ---- Rangoon rice.

3. The local merchants are unwilling to purchase the stock at cost price and the sudden withdrawl of depot rice at the close of the

month may lead to cornering and profiteering in respect of stocks held by merchants and cause great hardship to the poorer classes.

4. At Honnali the people represented to me that the closing of the depot at the end of December would be a source of great inconvenience as no other rice was locally available; and I have received numerous representations including one from the officials in the District that the depot might be continued till at least the existing stocks are exhausted.

5. I am aware that Government have to withdraw some time or other from the food control operations and the consequent inconveniences whatever they might be must be faced. But the situation will be distinctly easier a month or two hence as the local rice will then have come into the market. I am therefore respectfully of opinion that so far as this District is concerned the Government may be pleased to continue the depots at Shimoga and the maidan parts of the District for about two months more by which time the present stock in the depot will be exhausted.

6. In case Government are not willing to continue the depots after December I understand from an informal talk I had with the Municipal Councillors of Shimoga that the Muhicipal Council will be willing to take up the whole of the stock remaining at the close of the month provided they are not made liable for the loss that may be occasioned by a possible fall in prices. If this proposal should be viewed favourably a part of the existing establishment viz., a clerk and two peons may kindly be continued for about two months. The Municipality will provide the remaining establishment that may be required and the Vice President of the Municipality has expressed his willingness to supervise the working of the depots. The proposal does not appear unreasonable and the extra cost involved by the retension of a part of the establishment for a further period of two months is small compared to the relief which the poor people will enjoy and the risk of loss in selling the whole stock to the merchant

7. In these circumstances I would request that you will kindly

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use your good offices with the Government and obtain their sanction to the continuance of the Shimoga Depot till the existing ~~xtxxk~~ stock is exhausted, either under the present arrangements or by its transfer to the Municipality as suggested in paragraph 6 Supra

8. Before concluding I have to add one word about broken rice. There is no demand for it even at eight seers per rupee and unless ~~thixxixx~~ we sell at 10 or 12 seers we may not get rid of the stock at all. The stuff is bad and we must be prepared for loss in this transaction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SD/- S. Hiriannaiya,

Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

"C O P Y"

Hiriannaiya

Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.